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A Message From Chris Ancelet N5MCY

Good afternoon AARA Members,

I would like to welcome everyone to join in or our second 2 meter General Club Meeting Net.

Last month's meeting was successful and considering that we are still unable to meet in person, I wanted to again capitalize on our ability to meet via radio.

The meeting will take place on May 7th at 7pm on the **147.040 MHz + 0.600 PL 103.5 W5EXI** repeater system.

We will follow the same net rules as the normal Monday night net; taking check-ins by alphabetical order.

Agenda:

1. Check-ins
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer
4. General Announcements
5. 73 round for your comments

We need to anticipate a large crowd so we will attempt to streamline this to the best of our ability.

I am looking forward to hosting this event and hope to hear you on the air.

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May 7, 2020
Will be On The Air
VE Testing TBD w5ddl.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

May 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting will be Over The Air

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

147.040 PL 103.5 +0.600 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 New Iberia, LA

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April 2020



VE Test Session

April 25, 2020

April 25th was a successful Saturday morning for AARA VE testing. 3 VEs were able to organize a test session that would meet FCC VE rules as well as comply with the CDC social distancing guidelines. The location was not an ideal one. Some folding tables and lawn chairs spaced apart inside a garage. Even with those conditions three candidates jumped at the opportunity to test. So it was during a humid morning with a drone of weed eaters and lawnmowers that all three candidates were able to get the license they had studied for.

And the results are in. Adam Melancon ~KD5QZG~ upgraded to Extra; Jeremy Hoof ~KI5GIY~ upgraded to General; and Kathleen Boudreaux of Lafayette got her Technician License.

VEs present were Galen Wilson ~KF5BET, Chales Morrison ~N5WE, and Michael Cavell ~KI5ARX.

Best of luck,

Michael Cavell ~KI5ARX

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT





ARRL Field Day 2020 -- A Time to Adapt

Many individuals and groups organizing events for ARRL Field Day 2020 have been contacting ARRL for guidance on how to adapt their planned activities in this unprecedented time of social distancing and uncertainty.

"Due to the unique situation presented this year, this can be an opportunity for you, your club, or your group to try something new," ARRL Contest Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said. "Field Day isn't about doing things the same way year after year. Use this year to develop and employ a new approach that is in line with the current circumstances."

Social distancing and state and local requirements very likely will impact just how -- and even whether -- you are able to participate in Field Day this year. ARRL continues monitoring the coronavirus situation, paying close attention to information and guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If social distancing means that Class A with a 30-member team set up in a city park won't work this year, then it's time for a Plan B. Part of the Field Day concept has always been adapting your operation to the situation at hand. At its heart, Field Day is an emergency communication demonstration. Field Day rules are flexible enough to allow individuals and groups to adjust their participation and strategies in a way that still addresses their needs while being fun. Some possibilities include:

- Encouraging club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power (Class E).

- Using the club's repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event.

- Setting up a portable station in the backyard with a temporary antenna for family members interested in operating Field Day, who are now unable to participate as part of a larger group.

One big impact this year will be a decline in public visibility and any interaction with the visitors. Prudence may dictate dispensing with the ham radio PR table to attract passersby, should you set up in a more public location. It's okay not to score all the bonus points you may have attempted in the past. Local and served agency officials may be unwilling to visit, which is understandable under the circumstances. Do be sure to reach out to them as part of your preparations and remind them that you look forward to continuing your working relationship with them in the future.

The impact will differ from place to place, so ARRL recommends that all amateur radio clubs participating in Field Day stay in regular contact with local or state public health officials for their advice and guidance on hosting Field Day activities.

"With any emergency preparedness exercise, it's not about adapting the situation to your operation; it's about adapting your operation to the situation that presents itself," Bourque said.

"Try something different."

-- Thanks to Paul Bourque, N1SFE, and Dan Henderson, N1ND

Dennis Charles Butler N50TH - Silent Key



Dennis Charles Butler born on March 29, 1949 in Wichita, Kansas as the first child born to the union of Joe and Lois (Hamm) Butler.

A resident of Carencro, LA, Dennis passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2020. After graduating from Delhi High School (1968) in Delhi, LA, Mr. Butler was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. His time was served honorably as a member of the military police.

Upon his detachment from military service and with the support of his father, Mr. Butler began working for Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline. His intelligence coupled with a no-nonsense work ethic paved the way for a successful career in the natural gas industry. He survived a multitude of company buyouts and eventually retired from El Paso.

Whether at work or at home, Mr. Butler chose to live life on his terms. Although he selected a life of solitude, his friendship circle included those who respected his private life and supported his peaceful way of living. He enjoyed the simple qualities of life; such as camping and fishing with his dearly departed friend Brenda; having a couple of drinks and solving the countries issues with his deceased friend, Buddy; early morning Facebook sessions with his close friends and family members during his morning coffee ritual; daily drives to the post office to see what he would be throwing away today; and his weekly drives to pick his nephew up from school. He gave generously and loved endlessly.

The annual **Armed Forces Day Crossband Test** has been postponed, due to the ongoing COVID-19 response and mitigation actions. The 2020 Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 9. Because it's uncertain just when stay-at-home orders will be lifted across the US, AFD planners chose to postpone this year's event, because the government stations that typically support this event may not be available. Armed Forces Day Crossband Test planners are considering scheduling a November event in honor of Veteran's Day, depending on COVID-19 mitigation actions. During the AFD Crossband Test, military stations in various locations transmit on selected military frequencies and announce the specific ham frequencies they are monitoring to work radio amateurs. -- *Thanks to US Army MARS Program Chief Paul English, WD8DBY*



Local 2-Meter Nets

MONDAY

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

WEDNESDAY

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA



TUESDAY

Region 4 Skywarn Net 7:00 PM
145.370 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

THURSDAY

On-The-Air General Meeting 7:00
147.040 +0.600 PL 103.50 W6EXI repeater

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL Repeater only.

The AARA Monday Night Net and the Silent Key Memorial Net is being held on the 146.820.

The May 2020 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website. [Net Schedules](#)

REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 Skywarn Net will take place on the 145.370 Skywarn Repeater in Lafayette, LA. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The May 2020 schedule can be found at this link: [Net Schedules](#)

When using the Skywarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

See our website for additional information: <http://www.w5ddl.org/repeaters.htm>



05-01	KB3THK	David
05-06	W4HVH	John
05-11	KC5VDH	Deborah
05-18	KE5HSY	Linda
05-24	KC5HNO	Ramona
05-26	KD5TJZ	Kathy
06-05	KE5RPI	Karen
06-07	K5VXX	Joseph
06-11	KE5KJF	Sandy

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing names to be missing from the list.

Don't forget to renew your membership by January 31st.

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*Share the Fun ~
Bring a Friend
to be a HAM.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

May General Meeting	March 7, 2020 7PM On W5EXI Repeater (see First Page)
Field Day	June 27-28, 2020 TBD

For any additional information, check the W5DDL.org website

Crockpot Ribs

3-4 Lbs. Pork Ribs	1 Cup Ketchup
½ Cup Molasses	2 Cups Chicken Broth
1 tsp Salt	1 tsp Garlic Powder
½ tsp Hot Sauce	1-½ Cups BBQ Sauce

Cut into individual ribs. Spray a 6-quart or larger slow cooker with non-stick spray. Add ribs in an even layer.

Mix all ingredients in a small bowl and pour over ribs.

Cover the ribs and cook for 8 hours, until they are tender. Serve immediately.

You can use spare ribs, baby back ribs, or country-style ribs. I found that if you season your ribs the day before, and seal them in a ziplock bag, the flavor goes through and through.

I also tried this method with a large chuck roast, cutting the meat into 2-by-2 squares. Talk about tender and falling apart.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>

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